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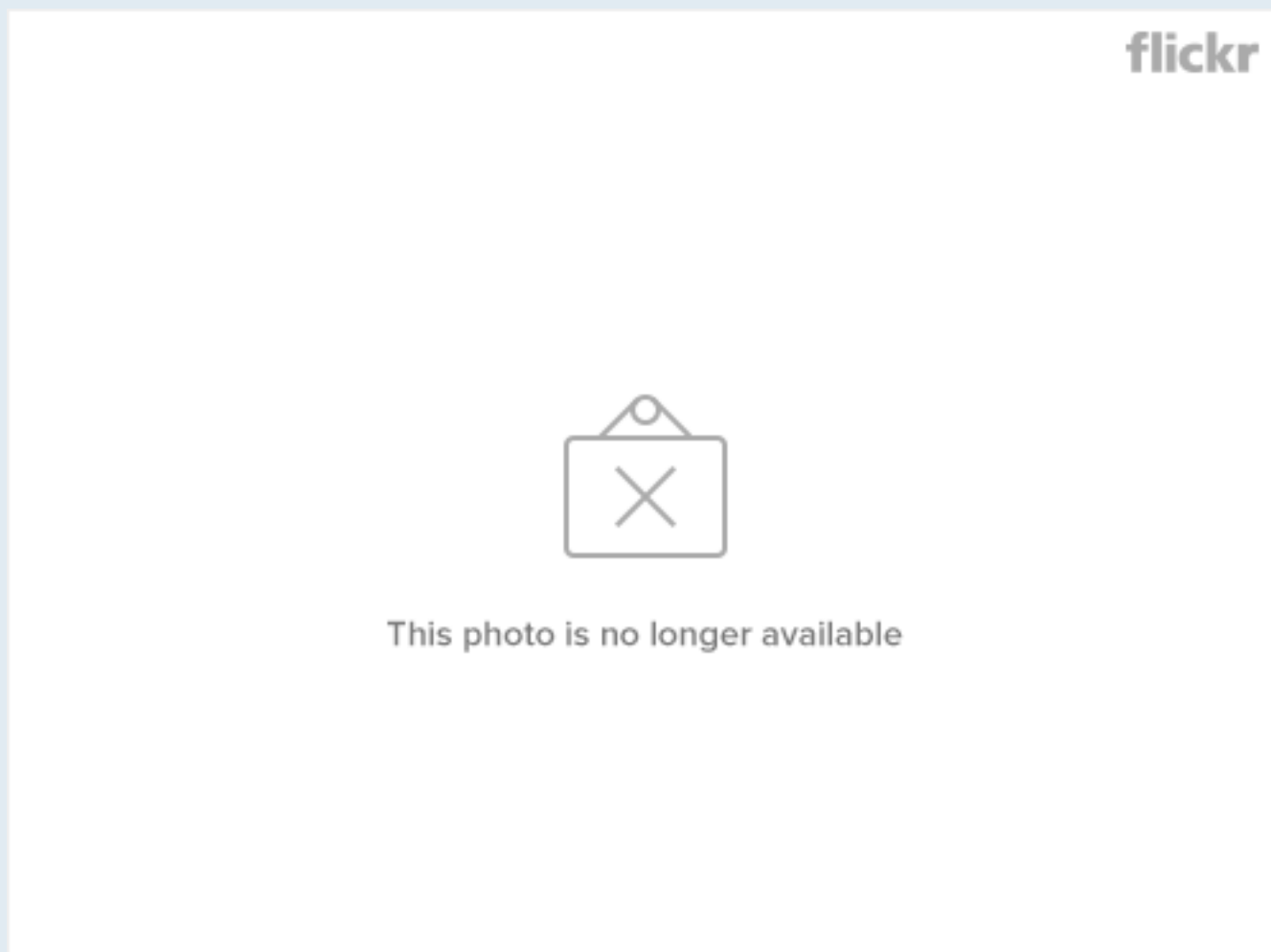
by celery, 08-Jan-11 01:40 AM GMT

As an addendum to the episodic Florida November 2010 trip report above, here are a few photos of 'captive' individuals taken at the Butterfly World 'attraction' in Coconut Creek. Featuring a couple of Florida natives/occasional visitors, but mainly the exotic tropical species so beloved of these establishments.

Nomenclature goes a bit wonky here (all I have to go on is the site's visitor booklet). If there are any obvious errors I'd be happy to correct.



Zebra Heliconians



Rusty-tipped Page



Thoas Swallowtail

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Blue Morpho



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... er... dunno...

cheers, celery 😊

Re: celery

by Paul, 08-Jan-11 02:37 AM GMT

Love the Ismenius, and the Mangrove Buckeye in the previous set 🍷

Re: celery

by celery, 28-May-11 12:24 AM GMT

I've not updated this diary in a while (though I have been posting in the 'sightings' forum) so here's a brief rundown and a few pics from my early season outings.

Back on familiar territory in the East Midlands with the occasional trip *doon south*.

18th March – first butterfly of the year. Small tortoiseshell on a 12 mile walk starting at my house around south Notts. villages of Tollerton, Normanton, Cotgrave, Bassingfield and Gamston.

19th March – Comma at Whatton, Vale of Belvoir.

21st March – Brimstone and peacock, on walk between my house and post box.

25th March – Holly Blue in garden.

4th April – Small white at Holwell Reserves, Leics.

10th April – In search of extremely early dingys, grizzlies and green hairstreak at Ketton quarry, Rutland – no luck, but 5 of the previous species sighted in greater numbers and also speckled wood and orange tip for the first time this year (and an adder).

16th April – Large white at Asfordby Hill, Leics – still no sign of those skippers.

22nd April – Finally... dingy skipper, grizzled skipper and green hairstreak at Ketton quarry, Rutland.

25th April – Brilliant trip out to Bison Hill, Bedfordshire. Duke of Burgundy (30+) and red admiral were the only new species for the year, but also green hairstreaks, dingy skippers, grizzled skippers, orange tip and brimstone in profusion.

29th April – Green-veined white at East Brigford, Trent valley, Notts.

30th April – Trip to Wyre Forest, Worcs. – Pearl-bordered fritillary (60+) and plenty of other species previously seen.

2nd May – Chambers Farm Wood, Lincs. – No sign of Marsh Fritillary (on a cold and windy day) but did find more dingy skippers.

5th May – Asfordby Hill and Holwell Reserves, Leics. – Small copper, common blue and brown argus (including an unusual 'white-spotted' individual at Holwell) also dingys, grizzlies and others.

14th May – First small heath of the year at Ketton Quarry, Rutland.

21st May – Trip to Salcey Forest, Nothants. – Wood white (20+) in grassy rides. Plus 9 other species making it my most species seen on any outing so far this year.

Pics below in separate post... cheers 😊

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by celery, 28-May-11 12:49 AM GMT

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Re: celery

by celery, 28-May-11 12:56 AM GMT



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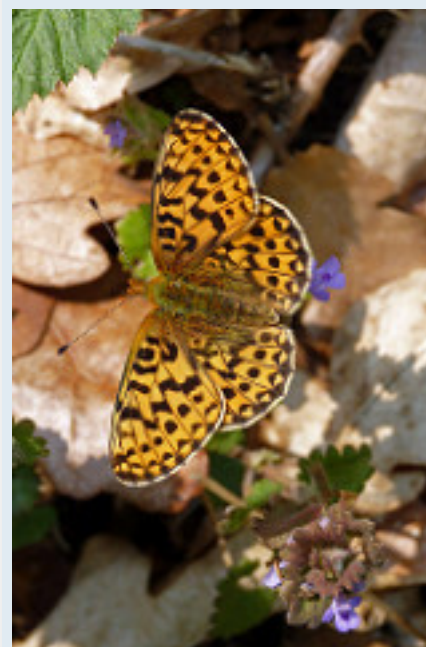
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Re: celery

by celery, 24-Jun-11 12:45 AM GMT

Just a few snaps from my visit to Prees Heath, Salop on 19th June 2011.

There were hundreds of silver-studded blues on the wing. In one small metre-squared thicket of willowherb I counted upwards of 40 individuals... and returning down the linear pathway I starting to make an attempt to count the total number I could see without deliberately searching... I gave up after about a hundred yards when the number reached 250.

This first batch has a habitat shot of the Heath itself and then some examples of the different colour variations on the females at the site.





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same individual as 1. (underside)



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same individual as 3. (underside)

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Re: celery

by celery, 24-Jun-11 01:12 AM GMT

Some more silver-studded blues... males... groups... odds and ends...

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cheers, celery 😊

Re: celery

by Lee Hurrell, 26-Jun-11 05:19 AM GMT

Great shot with the male and female on both sides of the leaf, Celery!

Cheers

Lee

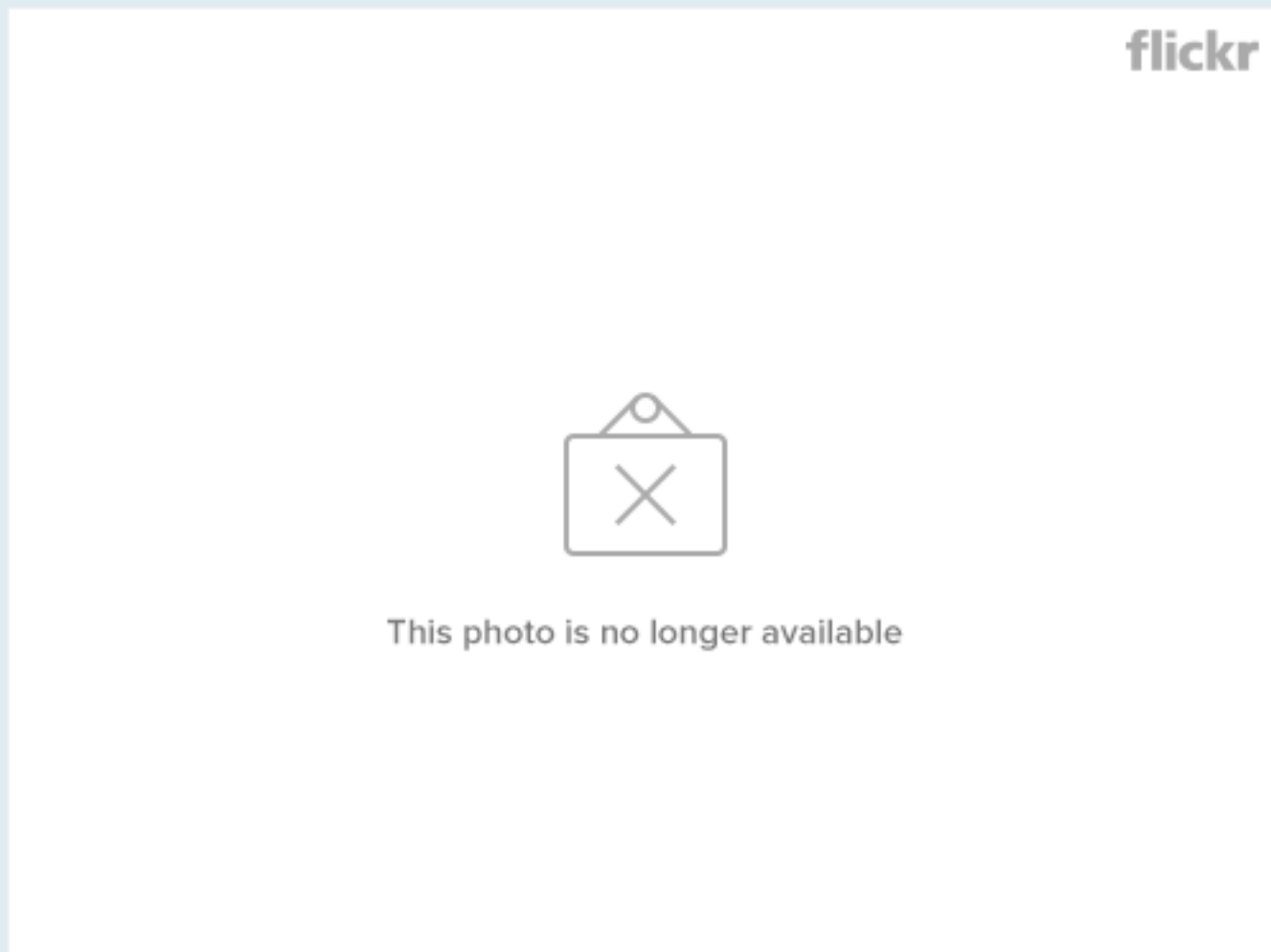
Re: celery

by celery, 29-Jun-11 02:22 AM GMT

Made the trip up to Arnside on Sunday (26th June).

The steep slopes from the car park had plenty of small heath and grayling and the odd dark green fritillary. The meadows at the summit of the knoll held many more dark green fritillary along with northern brown argus, speckled wood, meadow brown, large skipper, common blue and small pearl-bordered fritillary.

My parter, Tara, had a brief chat with the fellow doing the transact – he reported a sighting of 3 white-letter hairstreaks around the small clump of elms, but also confirmed that although he'd counted 36 large fritillaries he believed none of them to be high brown (all the ones he'd closely examined were dark green). Also he had not, as yet, seen any scotch argus at the site this year.



speckled wood (oblita?)



small pearl-bordered fritillary



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dark green fritillaries



grayling



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dark green fritillary - underside

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(another) dark green fritillary

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northern brown argus

cheers 😊

Re: celery

by Gibster, 29-Jun-11 02:33 AM GMT

"celery" wrote:

Image
speckled wood (*oblita*?)

Hiya Celery,

I don't think *oblita* occurs outside of northern and eastern Scotland (but stand to be corrected) A decent underside shot would clinch it one way or t'other. Lovely pose though.

Cheers,

Gibster.

Re: celery

by celery, 29-Jun-11 09:56 AM GMT

Oh,... okay. Serves me right for referencing stuff from just one book (in this case David Tomlinson & Rob Still's 'Britain's Butterflies') 🙄

It does seem to have different markings from the ones we get here in Notts – reduced spots under the forewing eyespot and more pronounced hindwing eyespots. And it also seemed to have paler yellow markings with a darker brown ground colour... but in retrospect it's probably just a male... when most of the photos I used for comparison were of females...

Thanks Gibster 😊

Re: celery

by celery, 06-Jul-11 08:14 PM GMT

I had a couple of days free last week so I went on a few trips to a some new places for me, plus a couple of old favourites.

27th June – **Lathkill Dale**, Derbys. A slightly disappointing 10 mile walk on a warm and humid day in the Peak District. 10 species, but each in low numbers – a single Dark Green Fritillary made a fly-past on the steep hillside. Lots of lovely wildflowers and a great pub supper made up for a lack of excitement on the butterfly front.

29th June – **Bernwood Forest and Meadows**, Oxon. Went in search of purple emperors, purple hairstreaks and white admiral... and saw none. But came away happy after seeing the meadows dazzling profusion of marbled whites, ringlets, meadow browns and large skippers. 13 species in all, including silver-washed fritillary and a beautifully-knackered female brimstone which posed in one of the woodland rides. Nearly trod on a basking lizard.

30th June – Up with the larks... but then stuck behind a white van which got trapped in the narrow bridge roadworks just south of Corby... so by the time we arrived a **Fermyn Wood** there were already half-a-dozen cars parked opposite the gliding club. Before I'd seen so much as a white admiral I got a view of the Sussex Kipper speeding towards us on his Japanese folding-bike thingy. We didn't say hello – being relatively new to this pastime, and not having a lot to contribute in terms of expertise – I'm always kind of 'starstruck' when I recognise a celebrity butterfly guru.... Anyhoo, we saw (and got the same photo) as everyone else did of the mineral-sucking purple emperors. Also saw one of those almost-entirely-black white admiral aberrations being chased by a 'keen' photography yelling 'It's aberrant!!' to all and sundry.

Almost back at the car when a kind fellow pointed out a mating pair of white-letter hairstreaks in the shrubbery. Took my place in the queue to collect a souvenir snap, but quickly elbowed out of the way by another 'enthusiast' with a longer lens.

My better half, Tara, doesn't like visiting these popular locations where you are likely to be amongst a 'throng'. She thinks the guys with the fanciest, most expensive, and largest equipment could well be compensating for being a little lacking in another key department. In her job as a 'big cheese' in the world of industry and commerce she comes across these sorts of chaps all the time... and eats them for breakfast. So next time you're poised, sniper-like, behind that tripod, waiting with baited-breath for those gossamer wings to unfurl – watch out in case a size-six hiking boot dashes you across the back of the bonce and makes off with your memory stick... 😊

Re: celery

by celery, 06-Jul-11 08:33 PM GMT

Some photos from the above mentioned outings...



Bernwood Meadows habitat shot. A beautiful place.

Ringlets, marbled whites, meadow browns and large skippers in their hundreds.



A mating pair of ringlets at Bernwood

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Brimstone in a shady Bernwood Forest ride.



A sleepy marbled white at Bernwood. One of my favourite UK species.



Purple emperor at Fermyn Woods. The same shot as everybody else...

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Brambles at Fermyn... with the requisite white admiral



Hastily snapped mating pair of white-letter hairstreaks, once again at Fermyn Woods, Northants. ...I was in a queue...

Some more reports from last week... coming... in a bit... cheers, celery 😊

Re: celery

by Michaeljf, 06-Jul-11 08:50 PM GMT

Hi Celery,
great shots as always. I know what you're partner means about the busy spots, but sometimes it's difficult to get around it. Regarding Fermyn Wood, it's a great place, and fairly big – I think Ladybank wood is right next to it and is just as good for the PE's. I still think that Fermyn is better than Bentley Wood, where you can get 'a throng' and still see very little. 😊
Michael

Re: celery

by Neil Freeman, 07-Jul-11 06:53 AM GMT

Interesting to read your comments regarding some of the 'enthusiasts' at Fermyn. I went there myself on Monday and followed the ride through the wood and into Lady Wood. I spent all morning wandering around the rides in Lady Wood and on a couple of occasions came across groups staking out likely looking piles of horse droppings with what looked like thousands of pounds worth of equipment. In one spot there must have been more than twenty people gathered round and as I approached one of them asked me if I had seen anything. 'Yes', I replied, 'I have seen about a dozen Purple Emperors further through the wood and have even got a shot of one on my knee'. This happened whilst I was all by myself watching two males coming and going from a patch of damp ground. His reply was that it seemed that I had better luck than his group as apparently they had seen a few flypasts but nothing had landed close to them. All I was carrying was my second hand Panasonic FZ38, a pair of small binoculars, and a bottle of water. Made me think a bit that did.

Neil.

Re: celery

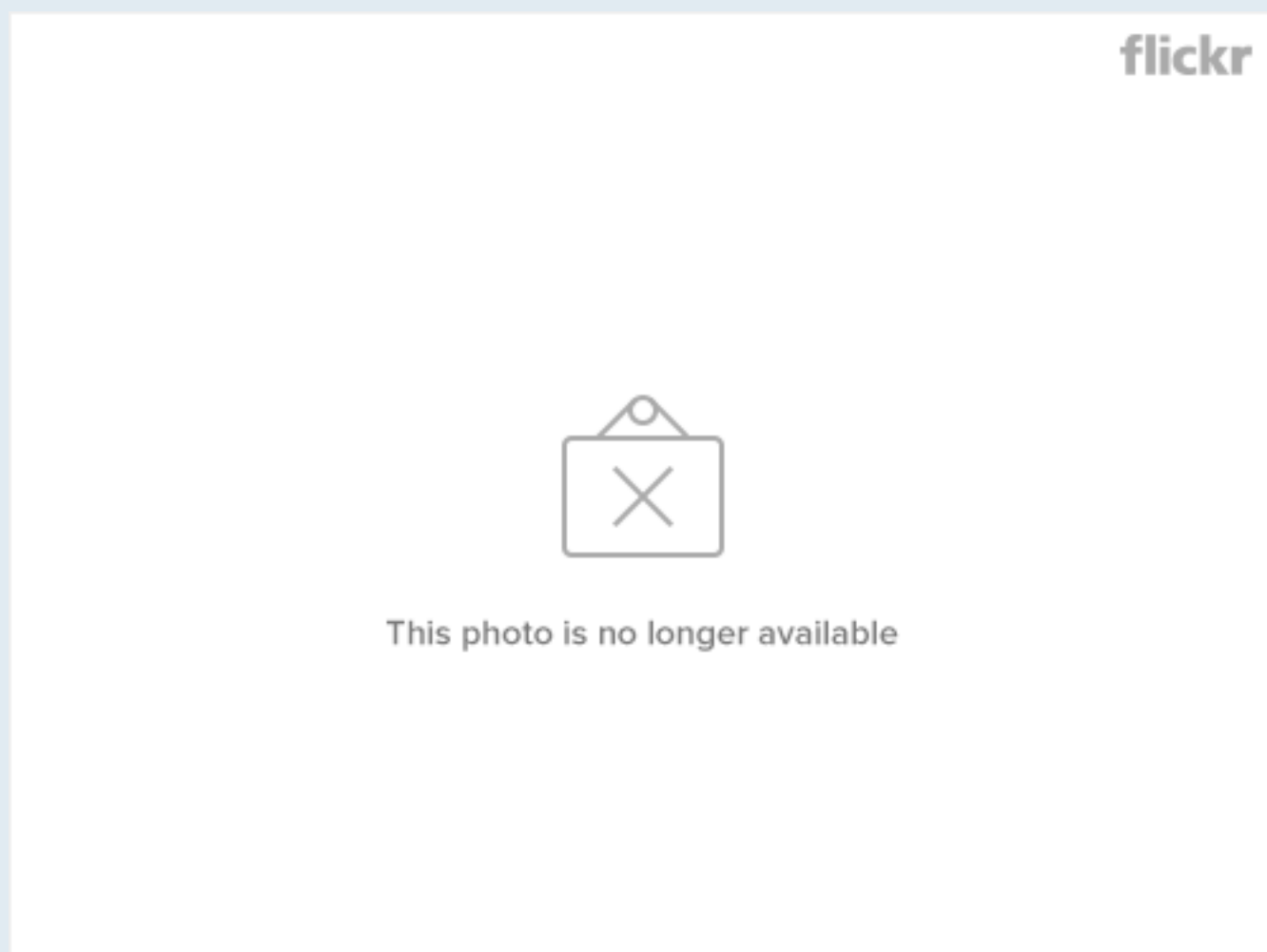
by celery, 07-Jul-11 11:24 PM GMT

Thanks for the comments guys 😊

Anyhoo... leaving aside my undoubted misanthropy... I spent the next couple of days in Norfolk. It wasn't all butterflying... I squeezed a couple of site visits in between some viewings of gardens, strolls along the Prom and copious consumption of fish 'n chips and 99s.

1st July. Breakfast time. Strumpshaw Fen. Called in on the off-chance of a late season Swallowtail... but despite the Warden's encouragement that we had a good chance (they'd been recorded the previous day) it was all to no avail *sigh*. However, I did see that rarest of all UK wildlife sightings... the lesser-spotted Ray Mears, with incumbent film-crew. Tara asked him what he'd seen.... 'Not a lot' was his reply.

1st July. Lunch time. Kelling Heath. Silver-studded blue? Yes. Two males and a female on the gorse around the area where the railway line crosses heath. Spent quite some time chasing the very active golden skippers to try to 'bag' a confirmable snap of an Essex... I think I managed it... but you be the judge...



Essex Skipper? Yea or nay?

1st July. Tea time. Wiveton Down and the Blakeney Esker. Came in search of Walls... and, alas, there were none to be seen. 'Millions' of meadow browns though. And lots of good photographic opportunities for other commoner species on brambles on the lower, more sheltered part of the circular-walk path. Saw my first gatekeeper of the year... enjoyed the fabulous coastal views... got a bit of exercise... left quite content.

1st July. Supper time. Sheringham park. Now for a confession. "I took a wrong turn off of an unmarked track / Seven miles I couldn't find my way back / Fingering my silver St. Christopher / And saving my shotgun shells for her..."

Well, it wasn't *quite* as bad as 'The Triffids' sang it... but I did get lost... and I didn't find the famed 'Gazebo' until the sun had begun to set. 😞 So, no purple hairsteaks at eye-level for me. No sir-ee. I'm not blaming anyone else for my stupidity... but one has to wonder why there are (at least) two wooden-constructed platforms in the 'Tree' part of the park – plus another 'proper' Victorian stone construction overlooking the sea – all called '**The Gazebo**'!! 😡

Re: celery

by celery, 08-Jul-11 12:11 AM GMT

Addendum to my recent Sheringham Park segment, I forgot to mention... first painted lady of the year by the 'stone' gazebo (that extra, unnecessary, 5-mile 'Rambler's Route' wasn't a complete waste of time then...).

July 2nd. AM. Pensthorpe Nature Reserve. Another confession. I ain't much of a birder. Not that I don't like them... they just seem a bit, y'know *avian*. I went to look at the Piet Oudolf designed Millennium Garden... which was splendid. I did the full circuitous route round the reserve though... lots of dragonflies, orchids in the wildflower meadow, ringlets, golden skippers, meadow browns, whites and an unexpected small copper... AND... would you believe it... for the second time in two days... the.... newly re-named... common, or garden... Ray Mears. This time posing, all thoughtful-like, for his attendant film crew on a small bride crossing the Wensum. Nearby... a Land Rover (can't film crews walk like the rest of us?) and a series of fold-out trestle tables laden with goodies. Fizzy bottled water, sandwiches, crisps, fig rolls, cupcakes, fondant fancies – y'know... the kind of stuff you find growing wild in the forest. 😊

July 2nd. PM. Narborough Railway Line. Too early for Chalkhill Blues (though reported elsewhere on the same day). Nice place. More pyramidal orchids than you could shake the proverbial stick at. Butterflies? Not so many. Holly blue in the car park. Commas, ringlets, meadow brown, golden skippers, whites. Nice walk in lovely weather though.

On to the pictures...



Silver-studded blue at Kelling – is it just me or do these have fewer, less prominent, 'studs' than those at Prees Heath?



Wiveton – green-veined white



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One of the many commas at Wiveton Down



Red admiral... Wiveton again.



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Meadow brown at... you guessed it... Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, Calif. 🤪 ... no, Wiveton Down.

cheers, celery 😊

Re: celery

by EricY, 08-Jul-11 03:33 AM GMT

Glad you enjoyed your time in our Norfolk, you visited some of the prime spots that not everyone knows about. Eric

Re: celery

by Neil Freeman, 08-Jul-11 03:55 AM GMT

Nice photos there.

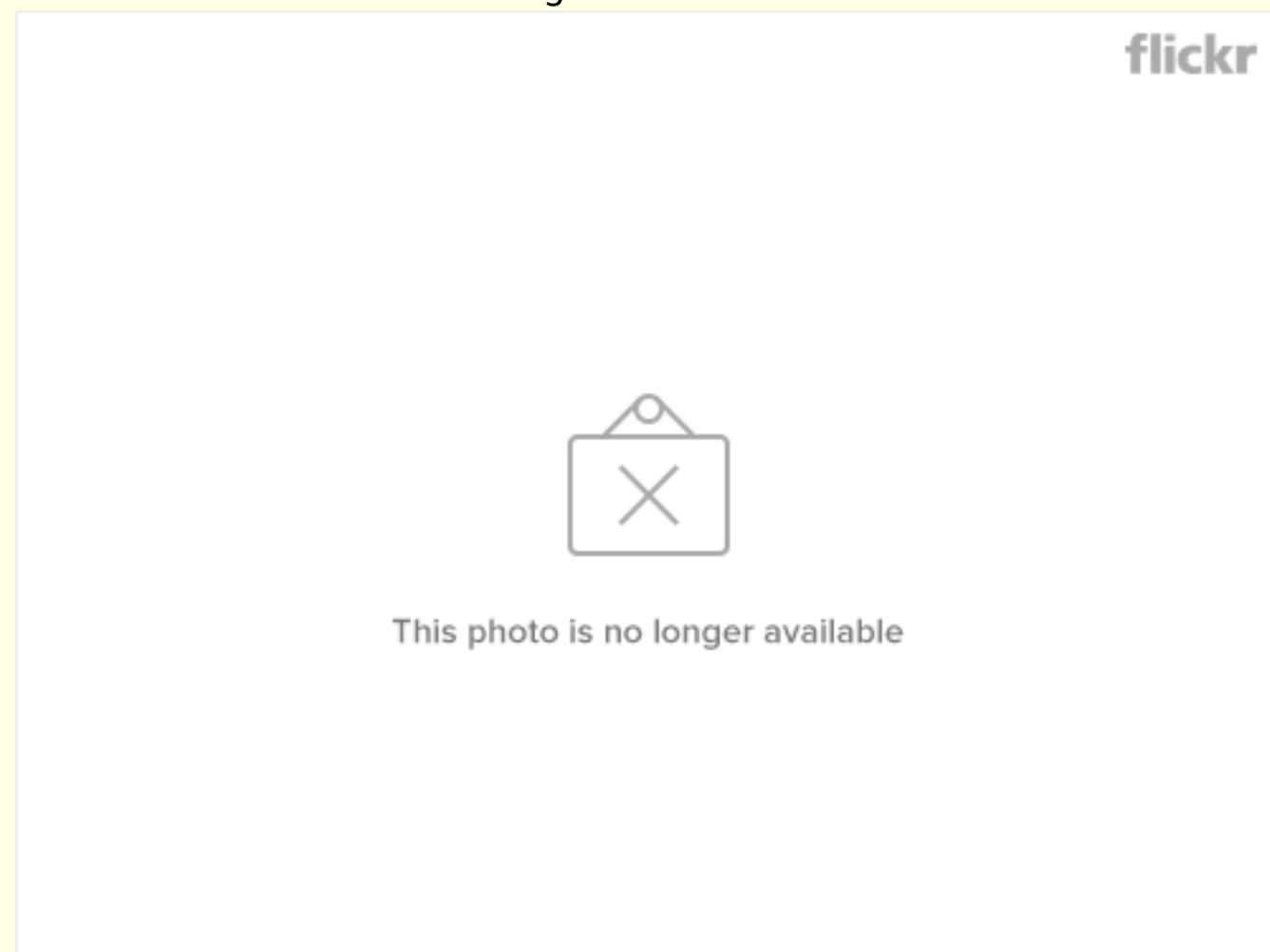
Regarding your Essex Skipper, thats a Yea.

Re: celery

by MikeOxon, 08-Jul-11 04:15 AM GMT

"celery" wrote:

believed none of them to be high brown



dark green fritillaries

I was enjoying this collection of photos and thought that the foreground Frit in this photo has a High Brown curve to the forewing. Perhaps some experts could have a closer look?

Mike

Re: celery

by celery, 08-Jul-11 07:25 AM GMT

Mike, I'd be very pleased if this proved to be a high brown... but sadly I don't think it is. My fingers are crossed that an expert will tell me I'm wrong. 😊

I have about another dozen shots of this individual if it would help to positively ID – unfortunately none of them show an underside.

On the day in question I saw lots and lots of fritillaries... and took around 200 photos... yet none show what, to my eyes, are indisputably high browns. Indeed the transact walker Tara spoke to said he believed all the large fritillaries on the wing at that time were dark greens.

Re: celery

by celery, 13-Jul-11 03:05 AM GMT

I've been occupied, to a large degree, by other matters over the past few days – like trying to sell my house – but I did manage a couple of walks around my local patch over the weekend. On Saturday to the waterless part of the Grantham Canal near the village of Cropwell Bishop – which always has good numbers of the species commonest in Notts. And on Sunday, alongside the River Trent at Stoke Bardolph to the lagoons at Netherfield – a local birders hotspot and reputed home of Essex skippers.

But first a small digression... anyone on here like cricket? Well... last night I showed a current international cricketer around my house in the hopes of a sale... I don't think anything will come of it as he was viewing a lot of properties... but, on the slim chance of a bid being forthcoming, I won't jinx it by telling you who it was... not yet at least 😊

Back to the weekend trips.. which were great walks but quite uneventful in butterflying terms. I did track down the Essex skippers – but at the 'wrong' location by the canal – though this isn't to say they're not at Netherfield... it was overcast and showers were never far away during the hour I spent there mid-afternoon.

I did see a fair few dragons and damsels at both locations... though I really don't have much of a clue when it comes to identifying the species. On to the pics...

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small tortoiseshell at the Cropwell Bishop part of the dis-used Grantham Canal

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small skipper at Netherfield lagoons

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cinnabar moth larvae – very common at Netherfield



southern hawker?

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er... dunno



banded demoiselle

As ever, there are more photos at my Flickr page - <http://www.flickr.com/photos/16155010@N04/> - click on the sets with butterflies in the title if you don't want to wade through examples of my digital paintings.

cheers, celery 😊

Re: celery

by celery, 29-Jul-11 01:40 AM GMT

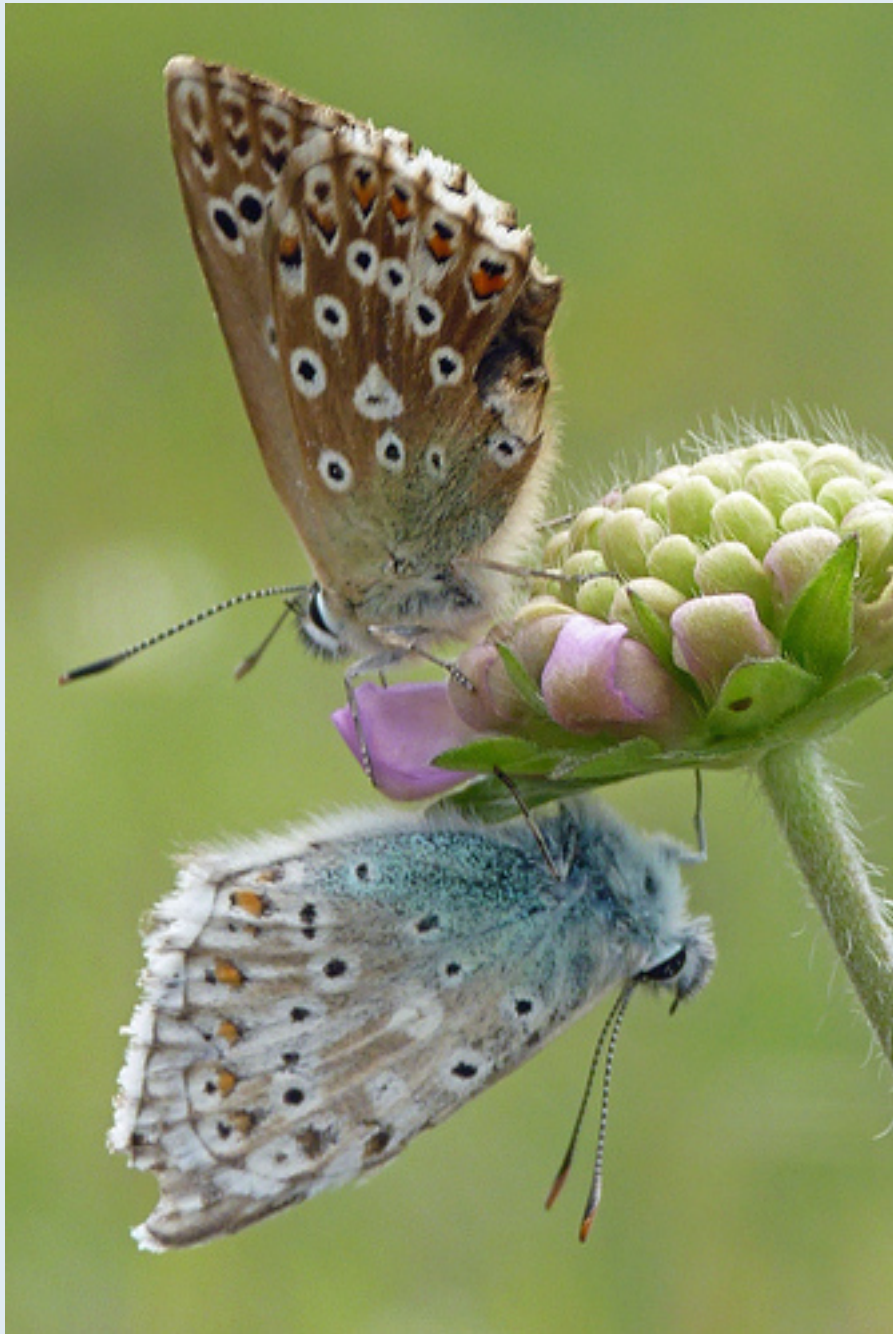
... apologies... rather tardy in posting... still in the process of selling my house...

So I'll skip straight past the weekend (Friday) 15/16/17th July – where the weather was unrelenting here in Notts... and I endured a frustrating 3 separate trips to Cloud Wood, near Castle Donnington in North Leicestershire. I found the colony of purple hairstreaks and spent an evening watching them dance, squabble and soar... high in the treetops – without ever coming to ground. Same thing the next evening (when a gap in the rain allowed some more evening sun) and again, early on the Sunday morning. Difficult to estimate numbers but I'd say at least 30 individuals at the peak on Friday evening... with often as many as 10 in the air at the same moment. No pics... ho hum...

Last weekend (Sat. 23rd July) I had a trip to Barnack Hills & Hills, followed by a quick trot around Bedford Purlieus.

Lots of chalkhill blues, a few small copper, tattered marbled whites, gatekeepers, ringlets, whites, meadow browns and a single common blue. I found the majority of the chalkhills to be well away from the road, through the gate deeper in the reserve, near the area fenced off for wildflowers' well-being.

Then on to Bedford Purlieus where two silver-washed fritillary greeted us in the car pull-in area. Large skipper, red admirals, ringlets, meadow browns and gatekeepers were the order of the day here – plus more silver-washed frits in the glade cleared along the main west-east ride.



male and female chalkhill blues at Barnack

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another male chalkhill in much better condition – despite the blustery winds



a marbled white doing his best impression of a moth



silver-washed fritillary in the car park at Bedford Purlieus

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red admiral guarding his territory amongst the bracken

cheers, celery 😊

Re: celery

by celery, 29-Jul-11 01:51 AM GMT

oops! 😞 forgot the habitat shots... so here they are... plus a bonus picture of a blimp seemingly grounded in a cornfield from Sunday's walk along the Grantham canal 🤪

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Barnack Hills & Holes

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Bedford Purlieus

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Goodyear (for Spring butterflies) Blimp

Re: celery

by celery, 29-Jul-11 02:06 AM GMT

Sunday 24th July - in the garden watching the gatekeepers, bees and hoverflies on the tansy.

Then a lunchtime walk along the Notts-Grantham canal from Gamston to Cotgrave and back. Nothing rarer than a peacock... but also large, small and green-veined whites, gatekeepers, ringlets, meadow browns, small tortoiseshell, speckled wood, common blue and red admiral.

In the evening I went for another walk along Bingham Linear Park in an attempt to catch the brown argus and common blues roosting up... but there was nothing doing... aside from seeing the odd white there was nowt to be seen... not even the sizzle off a sausage (as my dear old departed nan used to say).



female gatekeeper on lemon balm in my own (soon to be sold... fingers crossed) back garden



tansy seems to be the thing they want at the moment



peacock alongside the Grantham canal... the unusually lurid background is actually the sheet of duckweed/algae/blanket weed which coats the water all along this stretch..ugggh!

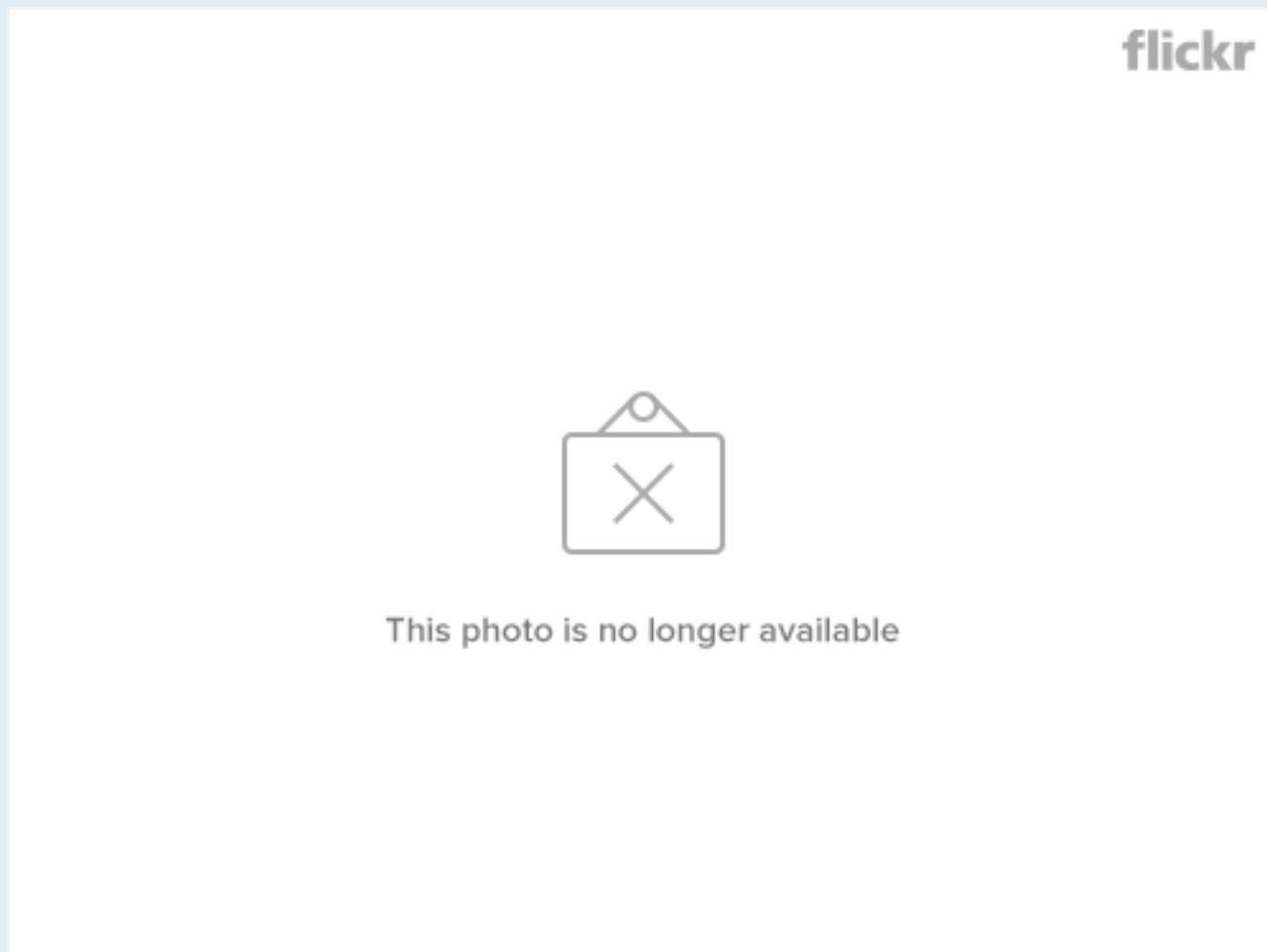
cheers, celery 😊

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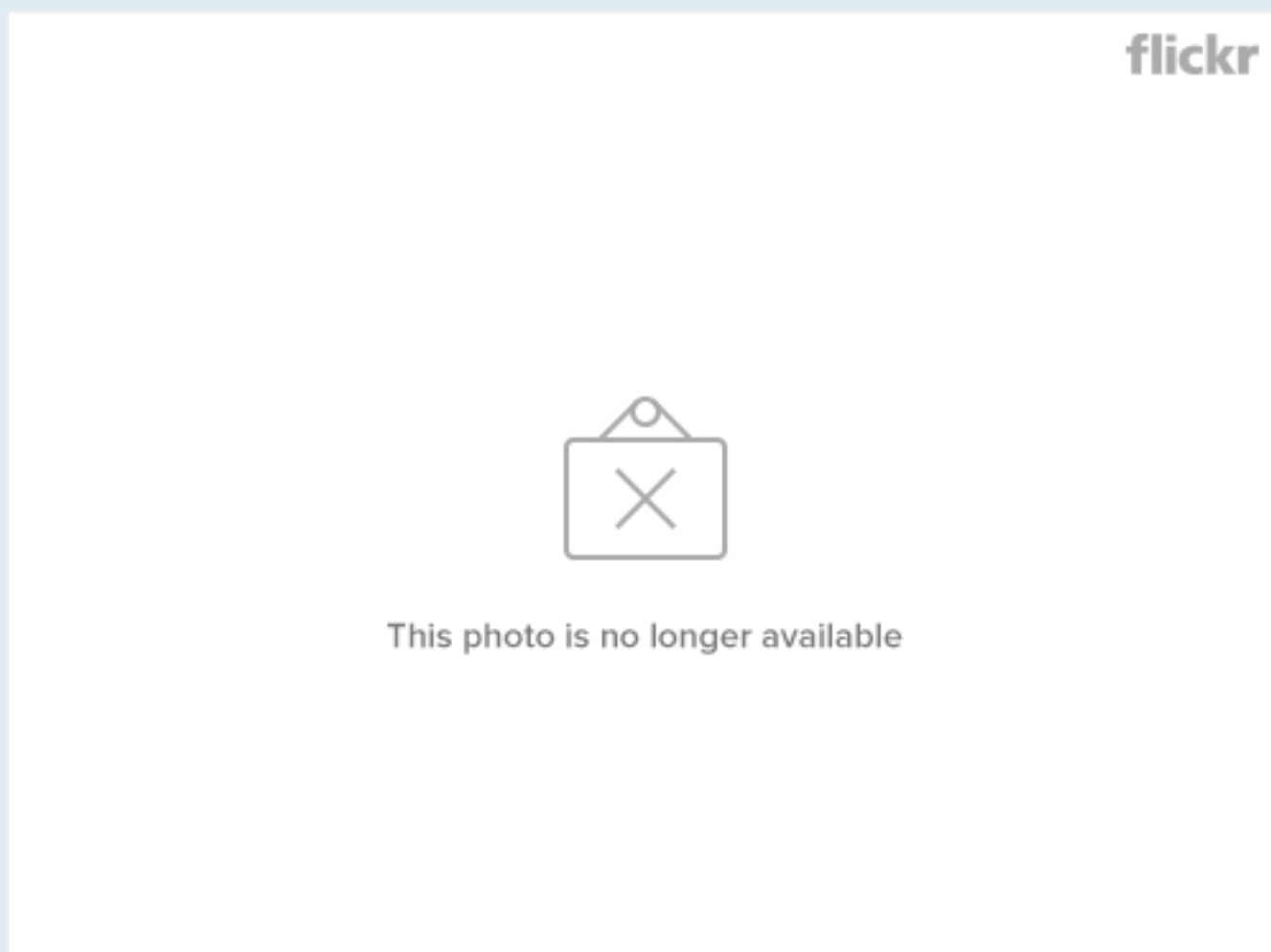
by celery, 05-Aug-11 11:51 PM GMT

Aston Rowant – Saturday 30th July. Early afternoon.

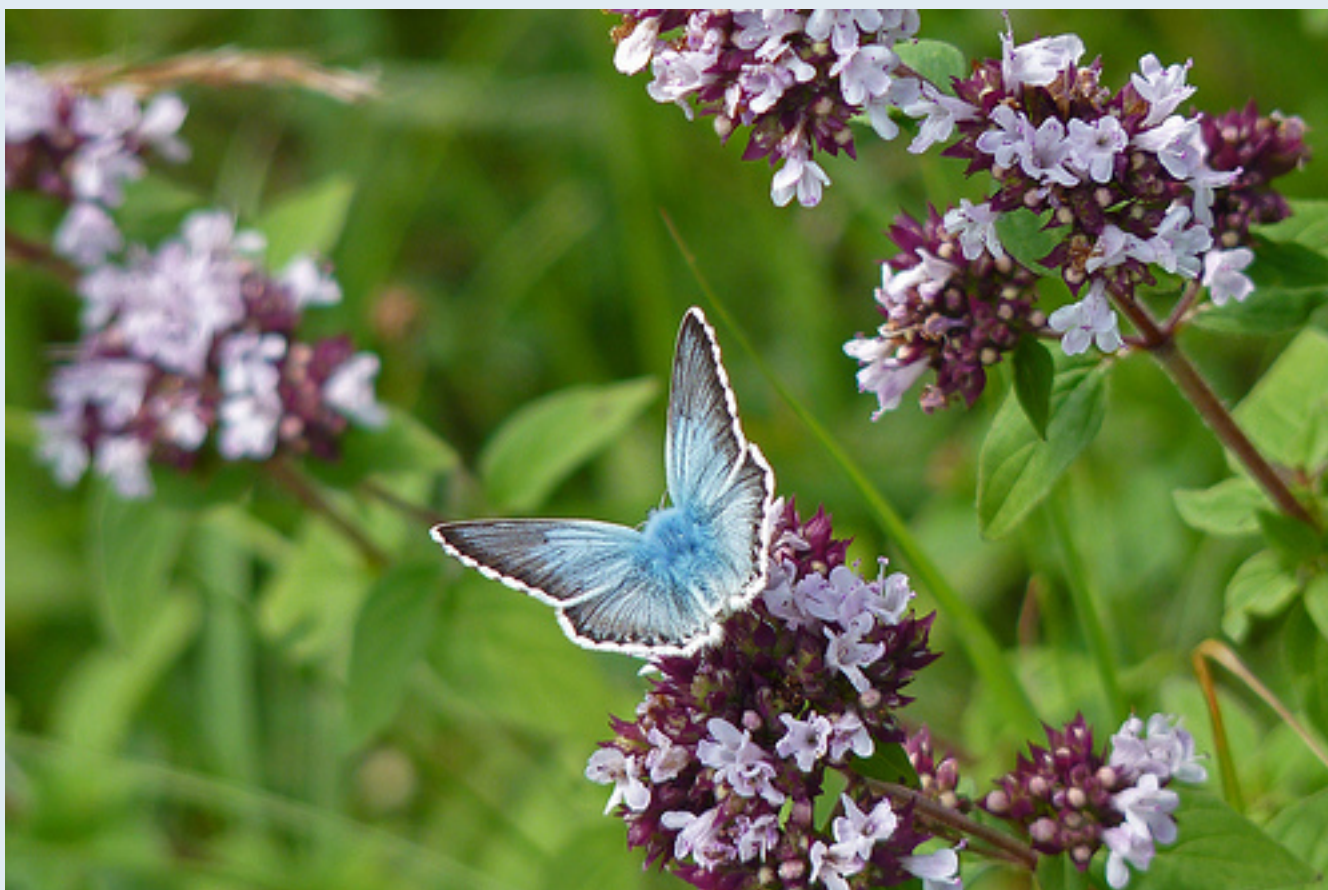
Not a lot to add as the site has been well documented lately in the excellent and informative posts of **millerd**, **nfreem**, **MikeOxon**, **David M**, **Lawts**, **EricY**, **essexbuzzard** and **Lee Hurrell** (sorry if I missed anyone out)... so I'll skip straight to the pictures...



silver-spotted skipper pausing for a second atop a dainty harebell



unusual 'rear-end' view of a six-spot burnet moth showing the electric blue antennae



plenty of chalkhill blues to enjoy at this site

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mating pair of brown argus – that silvery-coloured area just to left of the female is the motorway... VROOM!

cheers, celery 😊

Re: celery

by celery, 06-Aug-11 12:11 AM GMT

Bernwood Forest and Meadows – Saturday 30th July. Late afternoon.

Hoping to happen upon a lazy brown hairstreak... but no such luck. I did find the purple hairstreaks buzzing around the treetops... but I lack the patience for the proper 'stake-out' required to get the close-quarter snaps.

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beautiful coloration on this (slightly fuzzy picture of a) female common blue



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a tatty small-skipper clings to the last-remaining stick of long grass in the newly-shorn meadow



the darker blue evening sky peeps between the canopy to frame this basking comma

22 species in a day across the two sites... easily my best of the year... visiting, as I was, from my native North Midlands 'Wilderness'. 😊

cheers, celery 😊

Re: celery

by Lee Hurrell, 06-Aug-11 01:00 AM GMT

Lovely pictures Celery – the SS Skipper and Brown Argus shots are stunners!

Cheers

Lee

Re: celery

by celery, 12-Aug-11 12:16 AM GMT

There's a definite time-lag developing in this reportage... kinda like you used to get when you were abroad and searching for an English newspaper to see the football results, whilst summer-holidaying in Crete in the 1980s. Then you'd get upset because Rotherham had lost 2-1 at home to Mansfield Town and it would ruin your morning – despite the fact that in reality the game had been over for 72 hours and the manager and players had long-since drown their sorrows with a dozen pints of ale...

...anyway, I digress...

Saturday 6th August – Lindrick Common

Rather overcast with oddly cold showers of rain... I went in search of the reported colony of introduced Scotch Argus. I didn't see any... which is not to say they aren't there. It's quite a difficult site to get to grips with, winding (as it does) in and around and through the golf course. I also couldn't find a decent place to park – eventually having to walk for a quarter of a mile beside the busy A57 from the nearest lay-by.

*Any further information on where to park, and where to look, would be gratefully received. 😊

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backlit green-veined white... an indication the 'slim pickin's' at the site

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lots of speckled woods were quick to bask in a rare moment of sunshine

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a lovely fresh small copper on a rain-splashed leaf

cheers, celery 😊

Re: celery

by celery, 12-Aug-11 12:47 AM GMT

Sunday 7th August - Saltfleetby (Rimac), North Lincolnshire coast.

I made two visits to this delightful site – either side of a fish and chip dinner, a game of crazy golf and a 99 on the seafront at Skegness. The weather was fine and sunny – with an occasionally stiff breeze – the kind you always get on the East coast (which, I suppose is why the sea, is chock-a-block with wind-tower-pylon things... I can't think what their proper name is at the minute).

A great walk amongst the dunes and marshes... then on the coastal footpath, where I was rewarded almost immediately with the site of the butterfly I had come to see... the humble Wall. This is only the fourth occasion, In recent times, I have seen a Wall – and the other three were in Devon and Dorset (twice). It seems such a calamity that this species has been pushed further and further towards the coast... surely it now merits some proper attention in terms of conservation?

Other species seen included plentiful common blues, brown argus, peacock, red admiral, gatekeepers, meadow browns, small white, small skippers, small coppers, a single ringlet... and lots of 'brown' (I dunno what species they are) dragonflies.



Saltfleetby (Rimac entrance) – dunes and marsh on the Lincolnshire coast

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wall – endlessly flitting from flower to flower – captured (after much endeavour) in the instant before it closed its wings

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meadow browns happy to share a flower head

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small copper on seed pods

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dragonfly...? (enlighten me 😊)

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common blue... common pose



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one last wall... wings snapped shut

cheers, celery 😊

Re: celery

by Lee Hurrell, 12-Aug-11 03:24 AM GMT

Hi Celery,

You did better than me on a recent trip to the coast to see Walls! I saw them....and that's as far as I got 😊
They are a lovely butterfly aren't they? Lovely pictures too.

I believe your dragonfly is a Common Darter, there's two pictured in my diary (from Bernwood Meadows) – although I'm not an expert and could very well be wrong.

Best wishes,

Lee

Re: celery

by The Annoying Czech, 12-Aug-11 03:35 AM GMT

This is one of a few diaries I open quite regularly, both for interesting photos and interesting species (especially considering where you live).

Damn good bloody good damn good job 😊

(I snapped Mr. Wall Brown today too, equally restless when nectaring.)